



Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 3:08 p.m.

McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall

1. Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee Meeting 05-2025

Vice-Chair: Geoff Apthorpe

2. Members

Mayor Ken Boshcoff – City Council

Chief Darcy Fleury

Geoff Abthorpe, Advisor - Mental Health

Eric Bilenki, Advisor - Not for Profit Organization

Paul Capon, Advisor - Indigenous Organization

Andrea Docherty, Services to Improve Physical or Mental Health

Roopa Rakshit, Advisor – Multicultural Community

Crystal Simeoni, Community or Social Services

Diane Walker, Community or Social Services to Children or Youth

Ryan Hughes – Deputy Chief

3. Officials

Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement

Louisa Costanzo, Manager - Community Safety & Well-Being

Shane Muir, Chief – Superior North EMS

Kelly Hell, Committee Clerk

4. Welcome and Disclosures of Interest

None.

5. Land Acknowledgement

Geoff Apthorpe provided the Land Acknowledgement.

6. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Geoff Abthorpe, Advisor – Mental Health, put their name up for the position of Chair.

There were no other nominations for position of Chair.

It was the consensus of the Committee that Geoff Abthorpe be appointed Chair of the Community Safety & Well-Being Advisory Committee for the City of Thunder Bay until November 2026, or until such time as a replacement has been appointed.

Diane Walker, Community or Social Services to Children or Youth, put their name up for the position of Vice-Chair.

There were no other nominations for position of Vice-Chair.

It was the consensus of the Committee that Diane Walker be appointed Vice Chair of the Community Safety & Well-Being Advisory Committee for the City of Thunder Bay until November 2026, or until such time as a replacement has been appointed.

WITH RESECT to the position of Chair on the Community Safety & Well-Being Advisory Committee, we recommend that Geoff Apthorpe be appointed Chair of the Committee.

WITH RESPECT to the position of Vice-Chair of the Community Safety & Well-Being Advisory Committee, we recommend that Diane Walker be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee.

MOVED BY Paul Capon

SECONDED BY Shane Muir

CARRIED

The Chair and Vice-Chair positions will be referred to as such until the Community Safety & Well-Being Terms of Reference Item #5iii shown below is amended to refer to the positions as Chair and Co-Chair.

iii) Chair and Vice Chair

A Chair and Vice-chair shall be elected by the CSWB Advisory Committee. An election will take place every year as per the Procedural Bylaw (BL 51/2021) for City Council and its Committees. The Chair shall be responsible for all commonly accepted responsibilities of that position, including:

- Providing general leadership to the Advisory Committee
- Representing the Advisory Committee at various meetings

The Vice-chair will take on the responsibilities of the Chair in their absence.

If the position of Chair or Vice-chair becomes vacant, an election will be held to fill the vacancy at the next scheduled meeting.

7. Agenda Approval

MOVED BY: Chief Fleury

SECONDED BY: Paul Capon

WITH RESPECT to the November 26, 2025, meeting of the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee, we recommend that the agenda be approved as written.

CARRIED

8. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of Meeting 05-2025 Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee, held on November 26, 2025, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Diane Walker

SECONDED BY: Andrea Docherty

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 05-2025 Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee, held on November 26, 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED

9. Community Safety & Well Being Forum

Louisa Costanzo, Manager - Community Safety & Well-Being provided a detailed report on the success of the event.

An opportunity was provided to the committee to provide their feedback.

The consensus was that the missing piece on the panel was senior care and support. In addition to the family's ability to support, a shared responsibility needed by all the organizations within the Community Safety & Well- Being Committee.

The narrative from an unsafe to a safer city needs to take place resulting in a better tomorrow.

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services and EMS share a model framework focused on improving the quality of life for the community. Enhancing service delivery, improving community health and the well being of families in the district.

Geoff Abthorpe put forth a motion to approve the Community Safety & Well-Being Forum Report accepted as written.

MOVED BY: Mayor Ken Boshcoff

SECONDED BY: Crystal Simeoni

CARRIED

10. Data Points Review and Discussion

Louisa Constanzo, Manager – Community Safety & Well-Being provided data points for the committee to review and provide input from the charts provided at the next Community Safety & Wel-Being meeting in 2026. The committee can then review and compare the data points from the last plan.

11. Next Steps for CSWB Planning

A discussion was held regarding where the Community Safety & Well-Being Committee is going. A review of the existing plan is required to move forward and includes looking at the accomplishments, gaps and what has been completed to date to be carried over.

A discussion was held regarding putting a working group together to review the existing plan to assist with formulating and implementing the latest data.

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Geoff Abthorpe put forth a motion to approve the Community Safety & Well-Being Forum working group to update the existing plan be accepted.

MOVED BY: Paul Capon
SECONDED BY: Andrea Docherty

CARRIED

The survey is open until December 15, 2025. A 'What We Heard Report' will be available based on the findings from the survey.

An engagement plan required to educate the community about the Community Safety & Well Being Committee and what it is we do.

12. Roundtable Updates

Youth Hub available, 1134 Roland Street, Tuesday to Friday 1pm to 7pm and Saturday 11am – 4pm. At the Hub, you can take things at your own pace and get the support you need to feel better and stay on track. Providing support such as:

- Sexual Health Services
- Gender Affirming Care
- Connection to 2SLGBTQIA+ Supports.
- Primary Health Care Services: Meet with a registered nurse to discuss all primary care needs.
- Employment, Education & Training Supports
- Housing Supports

Louisa Constanzo formally acknowledged for the amazing job organizing the Community Safety & Well-Being Forum.

The Quality-of-Life Standing Committee has approved Strategy & Engagement to add a Drug Strategy Specialist for a five-year term and will be an asset to this committee.

City of Thunder Bay neighbourhood drop-in session to discuss and provide feedback on the Temporary Shelter Village project. Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at the Canada Games Complex.

13. New Business

Mobile Safety & Security Response Pilot.

Cynthia Olsen and Louisa Constanzo shared a new pilot project being introduced to respond to city transit incidents in a timelier fashion. The model is based on one out of Sudbury.

The pilot project has received approval, and funding will be included in the 2026 operating budget. Corporate Services will be the lead and prepare the framework.

14. Meeting Schedule

The Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee will meet a minimum of six times annually or at the call of the Chair, with the exception of July and August, in the McNaughton Room, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Geoff Abthorpe and Kelly Hell to discuss the meeting dates for 2026.

15. Adjournment

WITH RESPECT to the of #5-Meeting November 26, 2025, of the Community Safety & Well-Being Advisory Committee be adjourned at 4:22pm.

MOVED BY Diane Walker

SECONDED BY Chief Fleury

CARRIED